

Remarks

In the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 63 and 64 are drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants hereby withdraw claims 63 and 64,

The Examiner indicated that claims 49, 52 and 59 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants are grateful for this indication.

Claims 48, 50, 51, 53 – 58, 60 – 62, 65 and 66 were rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) by U.S. Patent No. 4,235,982, issued to Maslanka. Claims 48 and 66 have been amended to provide that the copolymer powder is capable of forming a film at ambient temperature. Applicants wish to reiterate the distinctions between Maslanka and the present invention that were set forth in the previous response. The addition of the requirement that the copolymer powder is capable of forming a film at an ambient temperature is a further distinction between Maslanka and the present invention. As anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102 requires identity of invention, in view of the differences between Maslanka and the present invention, it is respectfully submitted that claims 48, 50, 51, 53 – 58, 60 - 62, 65 and 66 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Maslanka. Claims 49, 52 and 59 are all directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 48.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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